

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow.

Claims 13-16 and 18-19 are pending in the application. Claim 1-12 and 17 having been canceled.

Claims 13, 16, 18 and 19 have been amended as follows:

(1) delete the words "types".

(2) add the phrase ", wherein when the applicational functional group (UF) is different from said AFs, the application functional group(s) is a non-salified aminoalkyl, a fluorinated alkyl or a polyether" after the words "applicational functional group(s) (UF) which can be identical to or different from said AFs". Support for this amendment is found at least in paragraphs [0075], [0078], [0088] and [0091] of the specification.

(3) add the phrase ", wherein when the applicational functional group (UF) is different from said AFs, the application functional group(s) is a fluorinated alkyl of formula R^{19} -OH in which R^{19} is a linear or branched aliphatic radical having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, said carbon atoms being substituted by at least one fluorine atom and optionally by at least one hydrogen atom; or a polyether of formula: R^{20} -[OCH₂CH₂]_v-[OCH₂CH(CH₂)_w]-OH wherein R^{20} is a linear or branched aliphatic radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and the symbols v and w are other than 0 and range from 5 to 30". Support for the amendment is found at least in paragraphs [0046] and [0053] of the specification.

(4) replace "may be" with "are". Support for this amendment is found at least in paragraphs [0075], [0078], [0088] and [0091] of the specification.

No new matter has been added in making these amendments.

Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 were deemed indefinite because it was not clear what "types" refer to. Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 have been amended to delete the word "types".

Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 were deemed indefinite because of the term "may be". Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 have been amended to replace the term "may be" with "are".

Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 were deemed indefinite because it was not clear as to what "applicational functional group(s)" refer to. Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 have been amended to clarify the meaning of the term "applicational functional group(s)".

The Examiner indicated in section 6 of the Office Action that Claims 13, 16, 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as set forth in the Office Action. In view of the amendments made to these claims, Applicants respectfully submit these claims are allowable.

The Examiner indicated in section 7 of the Office Action that Claims 14 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112,

second paragraph as set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the amendments made to Claim 13, Applicants respectfully submit these claims are allowable.

From the foregoing, Applicants earnestly solicit further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

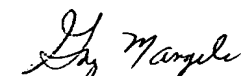
If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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